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Short Circuit

The next **meeting** is at the
Simi Senior Center,
3900 Avenida Simi, Simi Valley.
Thursday August 13, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

The next **Pizza** Night is at
Toppers Pizza, 2408 Erringer Rd, Simi Valley
Thursday August 6, 2026 at 6:00 PM

This issue is a bit different. Some of us have collected a treasure of books and equipment. We would like to share these items to anybody who wants to learn or experiment.

Maybe you are not allowed to do radio at home while in the living room or lounging in bed, but reading one of these mighty volumes could be the next best thing?

How long can you borrow them? If you keep using them, for years!

Stop surfing useless videos on the internet and read one of these informative volumes.

Still collecting Dues.

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A selection of NETS

Monday	**Condor Connection** (Plays Newsline)	7:00 PM	Frazier Mountain 224.720-1.6 MHz PL156.7
Tuesday	**County ACS** HF net	6:30 PM	Summer 7.242 +/- Winter 3.987 +/-
	ACS Area 1 - Simi Simplex net	6:45 PM	145.510 MHz Simplex
	ACS Area 1 - Simi Repeater net	7:00 PM	Simi Repeater 146.805 -0.6 MHz PL 100.0
	ATN-CA Net	7:30 PM	https://www.atn-tv.com
	LSB Net	8:00 PM	3.908 MHz
Wednesday	**Channel Islands chapter 10-10 International**	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	28.34 MHz
	Mesh VOIP Net* Voice / video / data	8:00 PM	2.4/5.8 GHz Mesh
Thursday	**LSB Net**	8:00 PM	3.908 MHz
Saturday	**SSARC SSB HF Net**	8:30 AM	7.240 (+ or - QRM/N) 40 meter
	CW-QRP	9:00 AM	7.032 MHz
	Quad Squad net	1:00 PM	21.365 MHz
Sunday	**The Newbie net**	7:00 PM	Bozo Repeater 147.885 –0.6 MHz PL 127.3
	LSB Net	8:00 PM	3.908 MHz
	SSARC 2 Meter Net	8:30 PM	447.640 UHF repeater - PL is 131.8 Hz

Additional listings of **MORE** local nets can be found on the CVARC web site at: http://www.cvarc.org

* For more information, see http://www.pvarc.club/mesh/mesh-applications/

Jul	5	Kevin KD6UTC
	12	Matt N3AR
	19	Ron K6RIN
	26	Kerwyn N6YHX
Aug	2	Matt KN6SEC
	9	Brian KM6MIN
	16	Kevin KD6UTC
	23	Matt N3AR
	30	Ron K6RIN

ACS/ARES Corner

Frank Valdez KI6OQ is the Area 1 Emergency Coordinator

We are always looking for ACS members that would like to become Net Controllers. You will receive hands-on training at the Simi Valley PD (where we normally conduct the Weekly Net). It is both fun and at times challenging. You will gain valuable experience in running a controlled Net as well as becoming more than just familiar with the equipment in the Radio Room at the PD. If you would like to volunteer for this, just message Frank Valdez at **frankki6oq@gmail.com.**

The **Area 1** (Simi Valley) net occurs **Tuesdays**. Generally it is just a brief check in, but usually some news about upcoming events is passed on. **Stop by and say Hi**. You do not have to do anything other than check in to test out your simplex or repeater connection.

The Tuesday **HF net** during summer months is on 7.242 +/- at **6:30 PM**.

During the winter, it is back to 3.987 lower side band.

The Tuesday **simplex net** is on 145.510 at **6:45 PM**.

The Tuesday **repeater net** is on the 146.805 (-0.6 MHz, PL 100) repeater at **7:00 PM**.

NOTE: Please be advised that we hold the Tuesday **countywide** net at 19:30 (7:30PM) on the Sulphur Mountain WD6EBY repeater on 145.200, minus 600 KHz offset, CTCSS of 127.3. Until further notice, this will be our standard frequency for countywide communications.

Visit **vccomm.org** for more updates.

28-Jul-26	Ron Nelson	K6RIN	
4-Aug-26	Eric Oberg	KE6MLF	ORT
11-Aug-26	Bill Woods	AB6BW	
18-Aug-26	Dante Smith	W6JCQ	ACS
25-Aug-26	Lisa Trent	KK6AKR	
1-Sep-26	Frank Valdez	KI6OQ	
8-Sep-26	Ron Nelson	K6RIN	
15-Sep-26	Eric Oberg	KE6MLF	
22-Sep-26	Bill Woods	AB6BW	

Equipment and Books to Borrow.

From George KN6LA.

Bird Wattmeter, with no extra slugs required!

Ranges of 5, 15, 50, 150 and 500 Watts.

25 MHz to 1 GHz.

You break it, you pay to fix it.

How about you borrow this and check a few radios?

From George KN6LA.

SWR meter, 1.8 - 170 MHz, UHF. Much easier to use than the NanoVNA thingies. Just plug in your cable and turn the dial to find SWR at your favorite frequencies.

You break it, you pay to replace it.

I cycled through all my “working good antennas” and got a surprise to discover a wad of leaves wrapped around the feed point of a J-pole.

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From Mike KV6I.

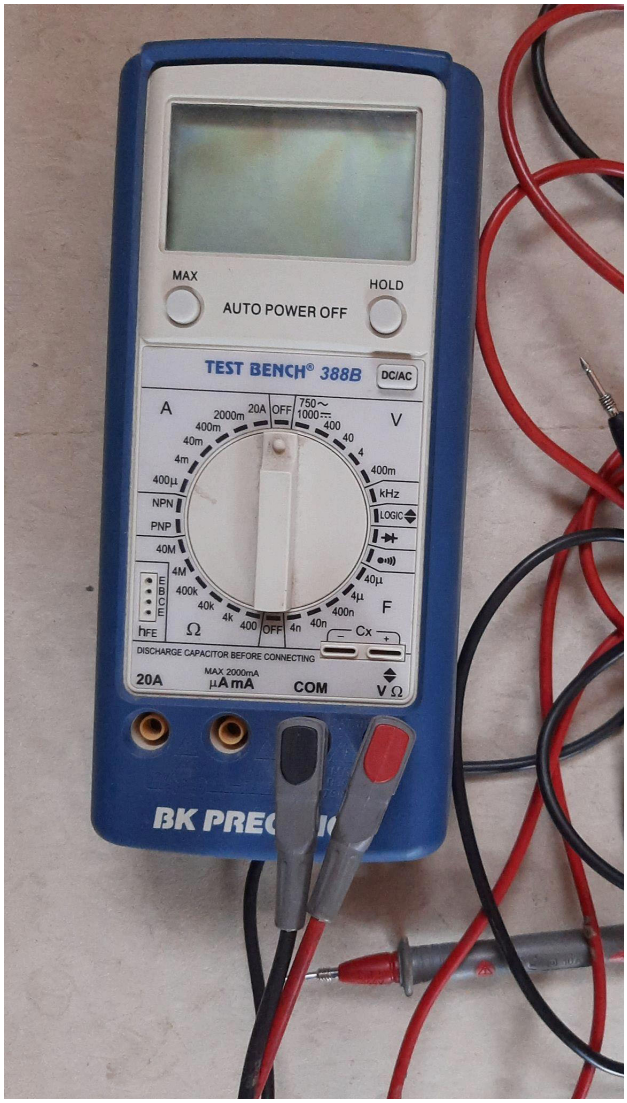
Clamp on current probe for AC circuits. Handy double loop for 1X and 10X of existing appliances.

Measures AC current from 6 - 300 Amps.

From George KN6LA.

Good digital volt meter.

AC / DC volts, current, Ohms, capacitance….



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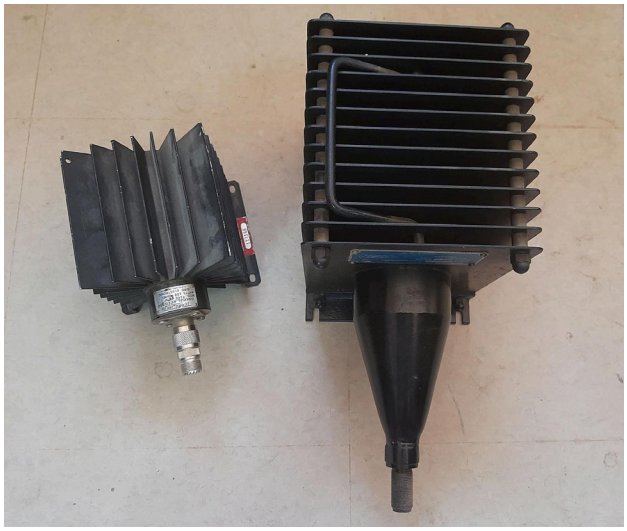
From George KN6LA.

100 and 150 watt dummy loads. Put a fan on it for long term dissipation.



From George KN6LA.

Capacitance meter. Great for sorting that heaped mess after a breadboard session.

From Jim KI6MZ

Frequency meter 1 MHz to 3 GHz.

Has an antenna, just get it close to your radio item.

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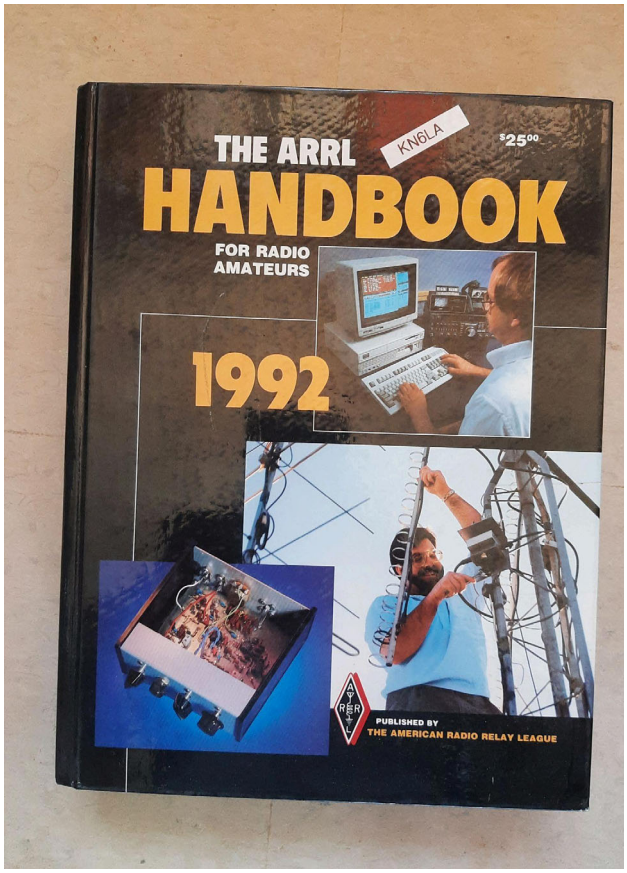
From Mike KV61

FM Deviation meter

From George KN6LA.

All of the books listed are available for short or long term loan. **Borrow this for a year or two?**



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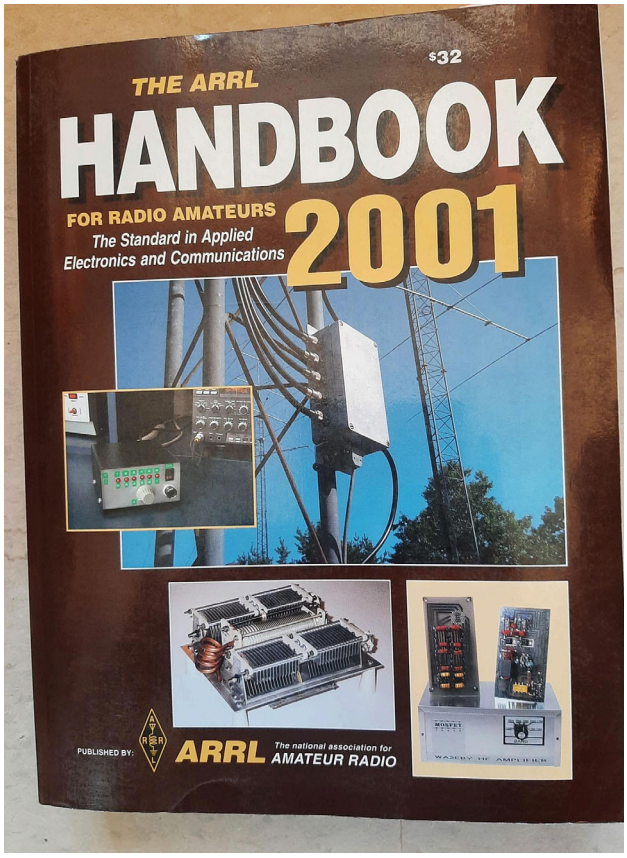

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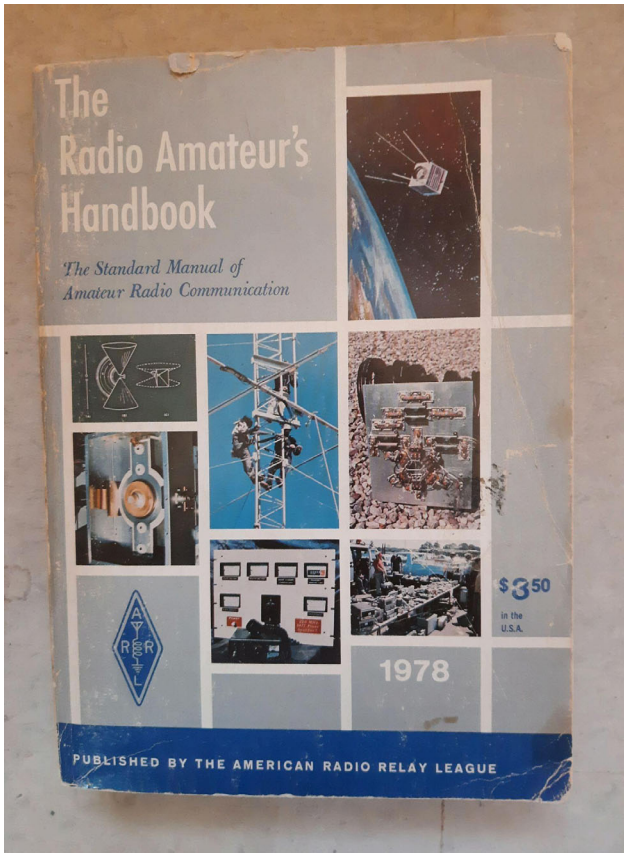

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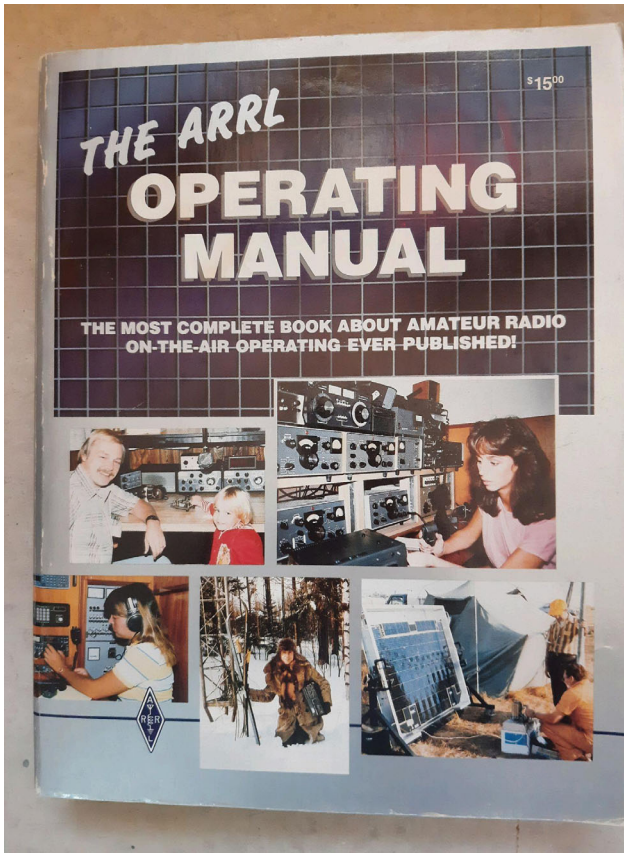
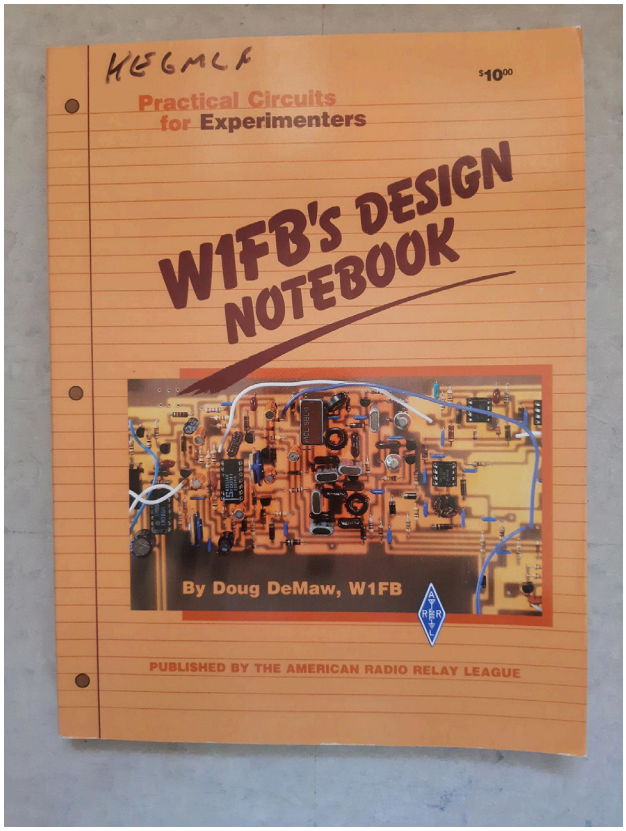


RF design basics to advanced circuits.



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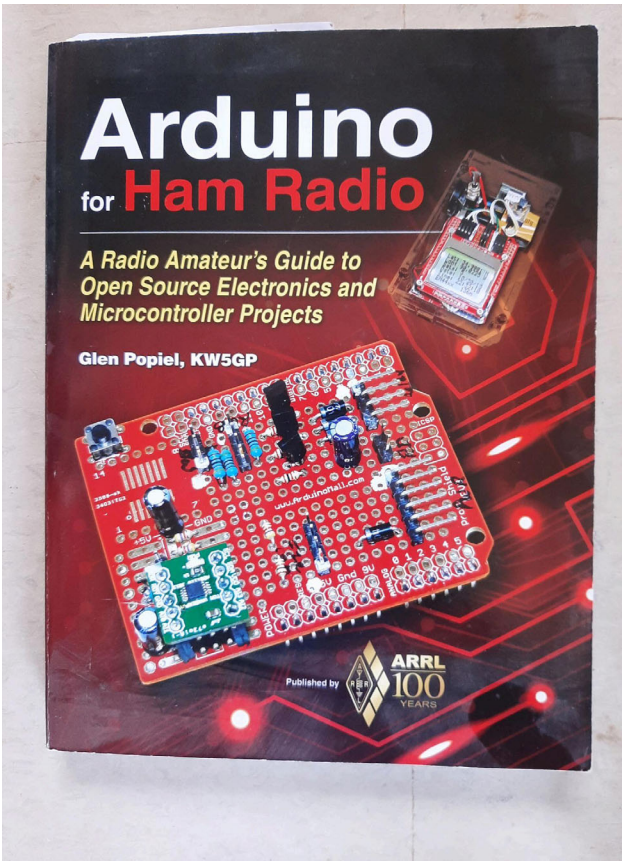
Circuit and programming for Arduino.



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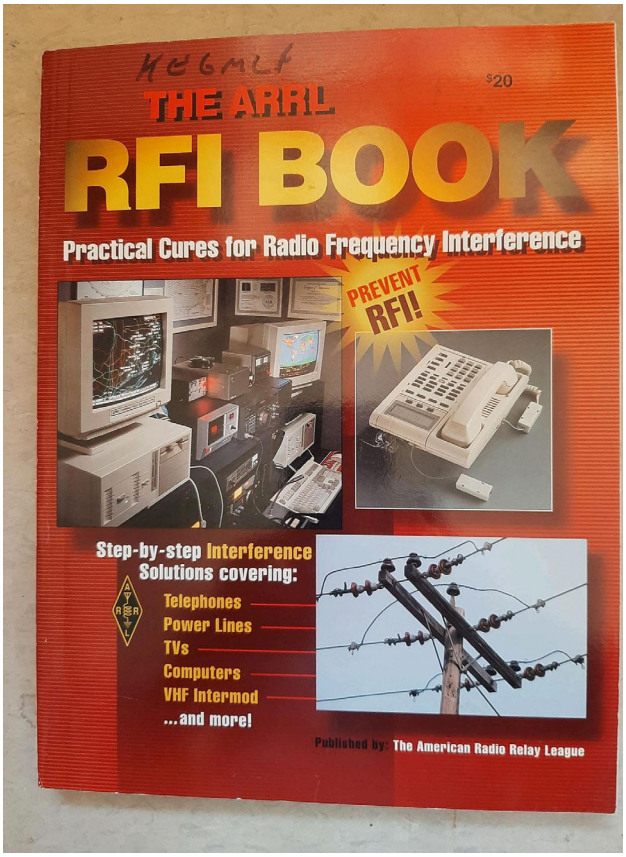

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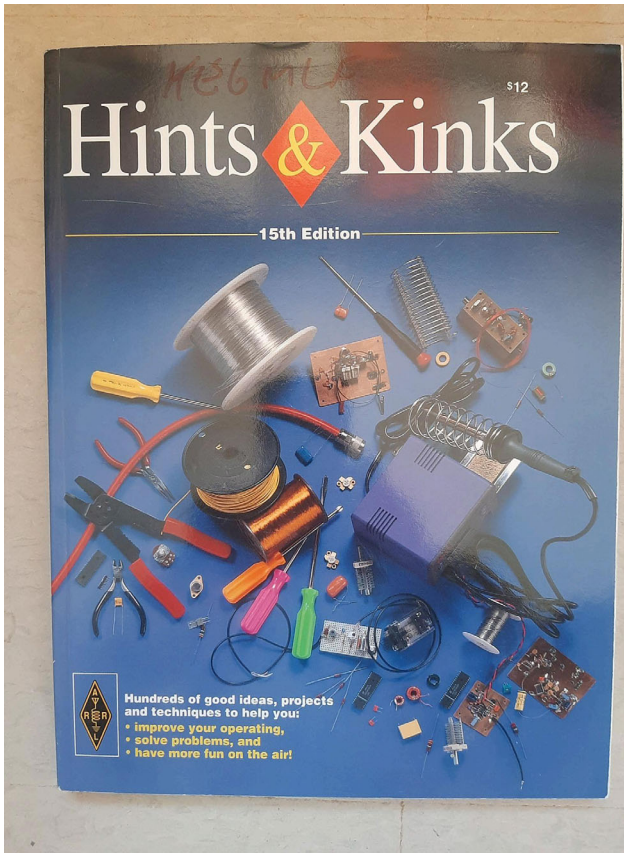
Many handy tips and tricks.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Hints & Kinks
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Hundreds of good ideas, projects and techniques to help you:
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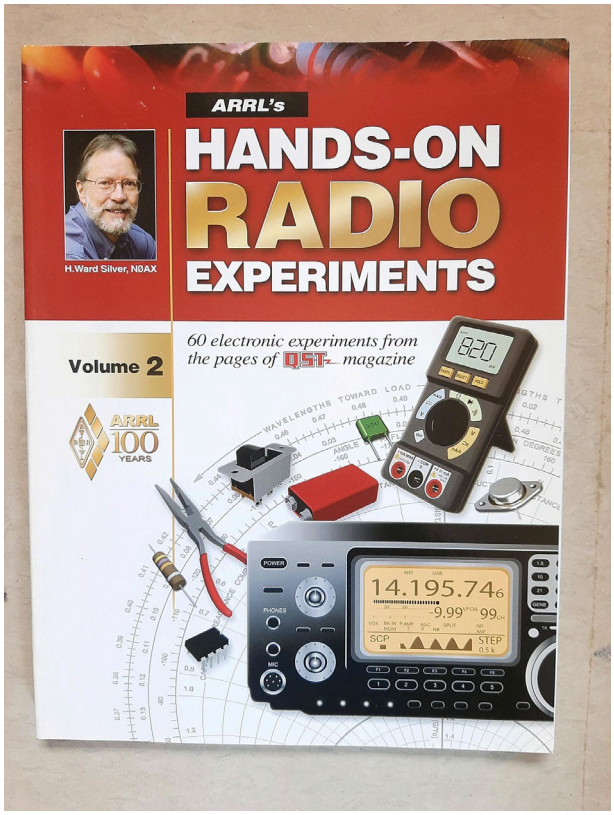
• have more fun on the air!

Experiments from the pages of QST.



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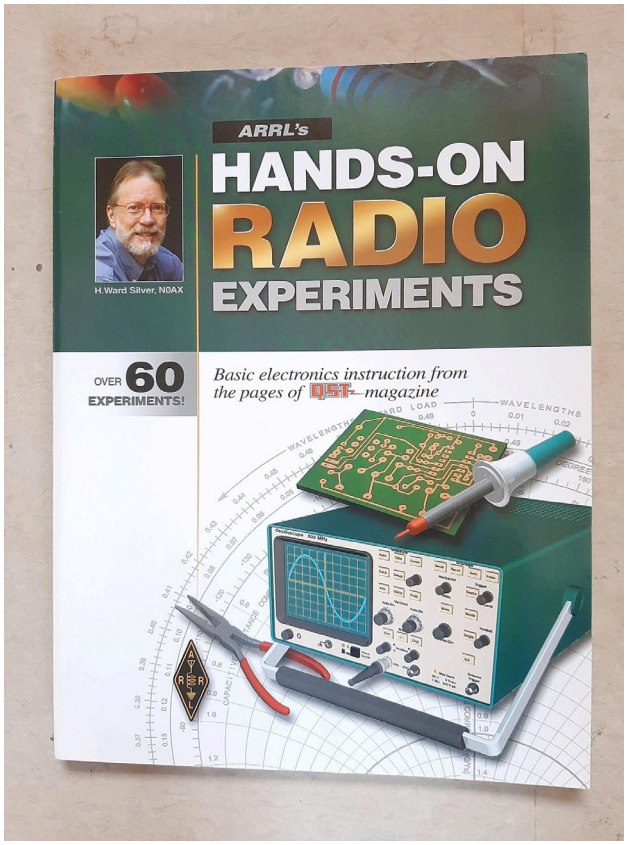
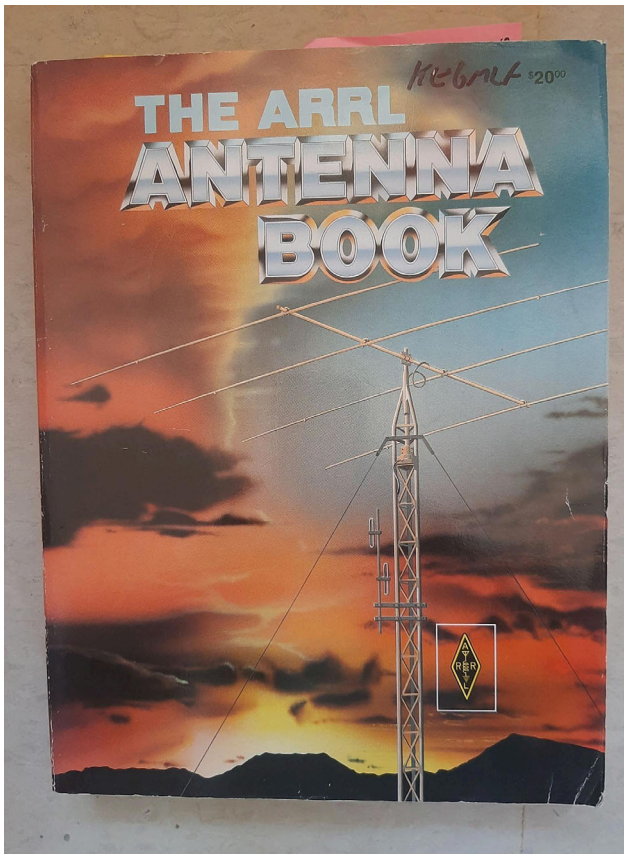


Plans, setup, and adjustment of anything that radiates.



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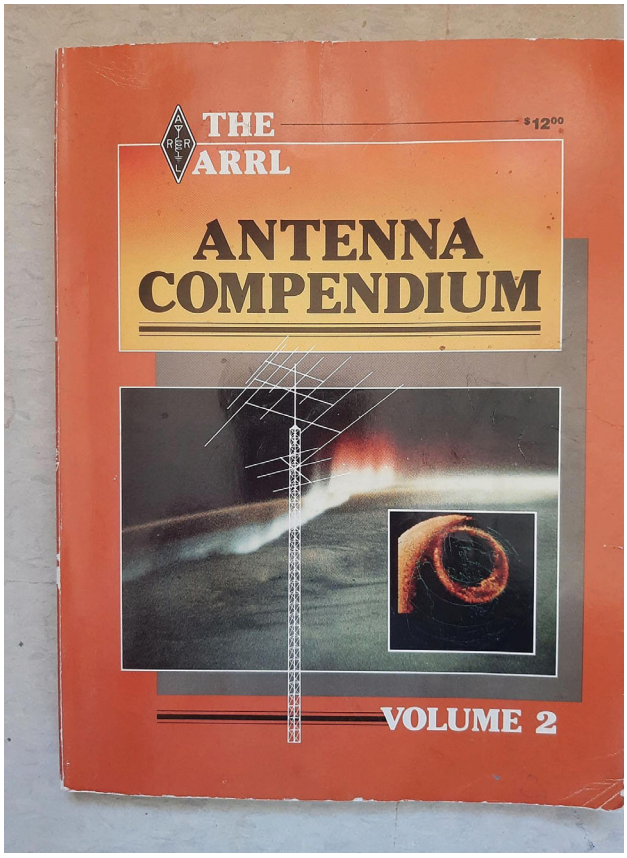
From Jim KI6MZ

All kinds of ideas and plans for antennas of all kinds.



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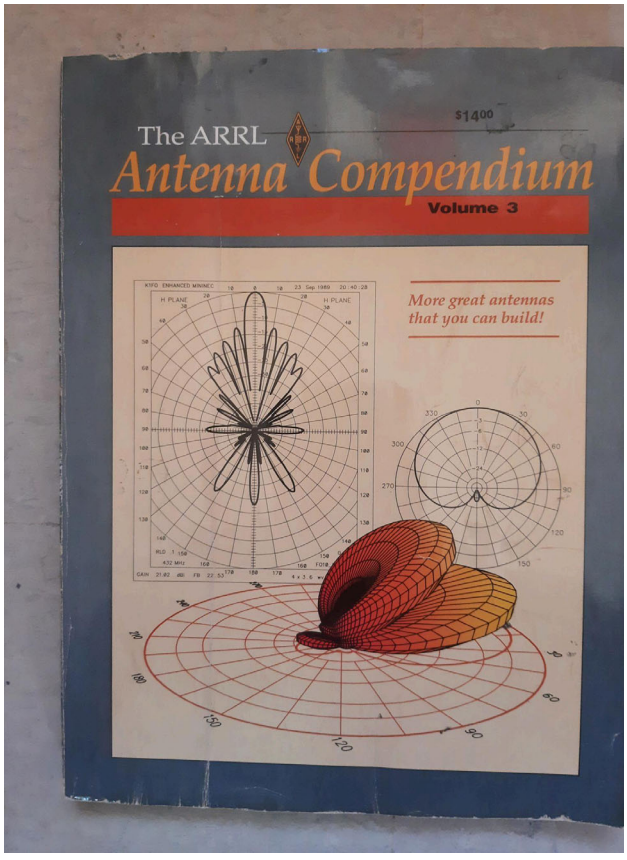

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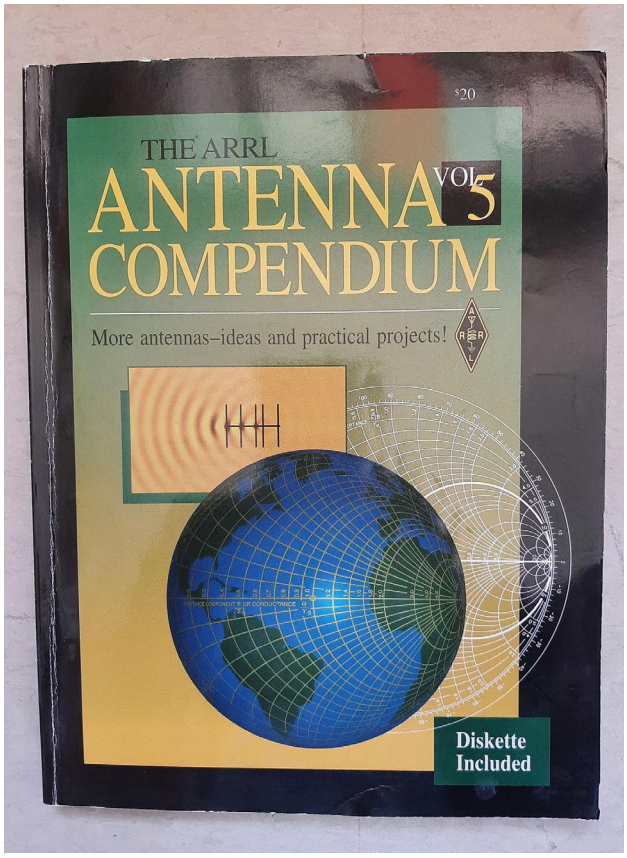

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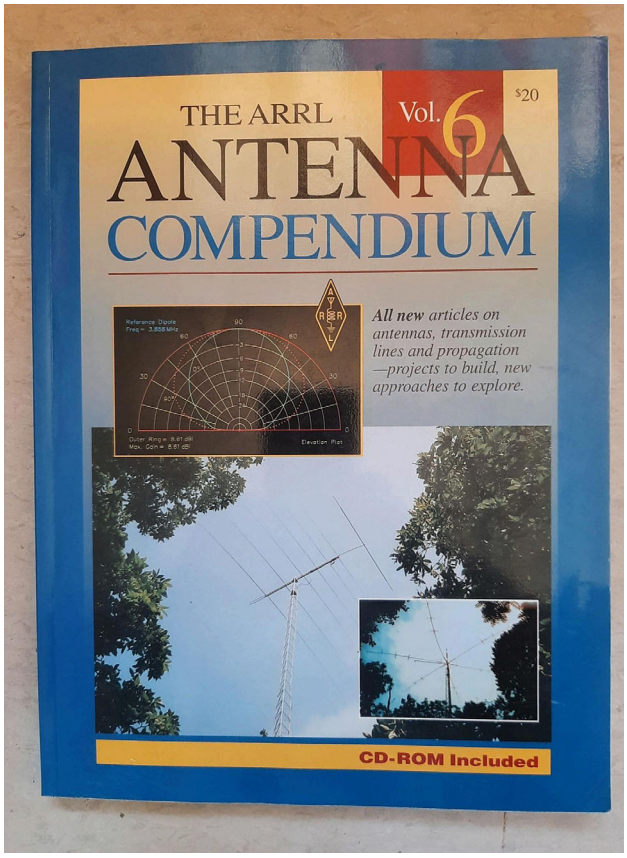

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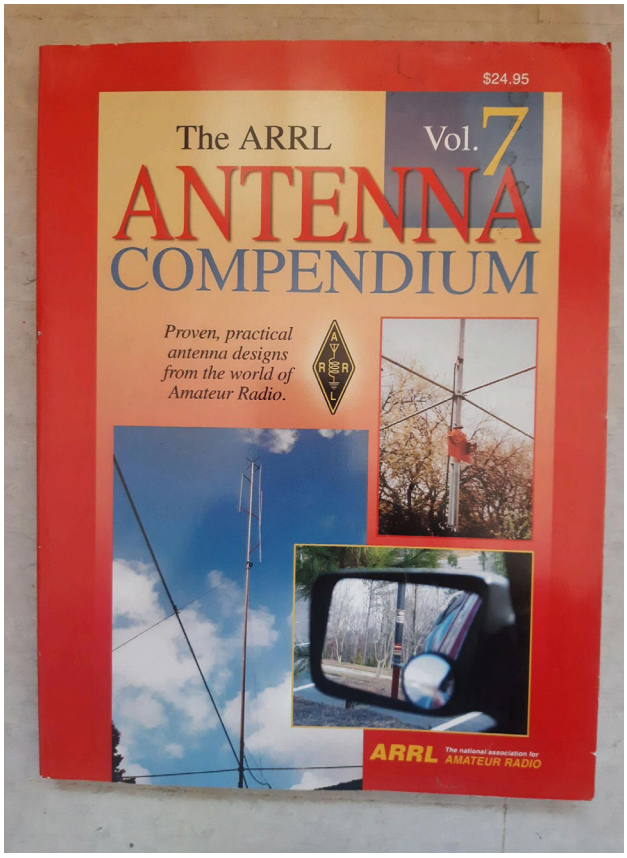
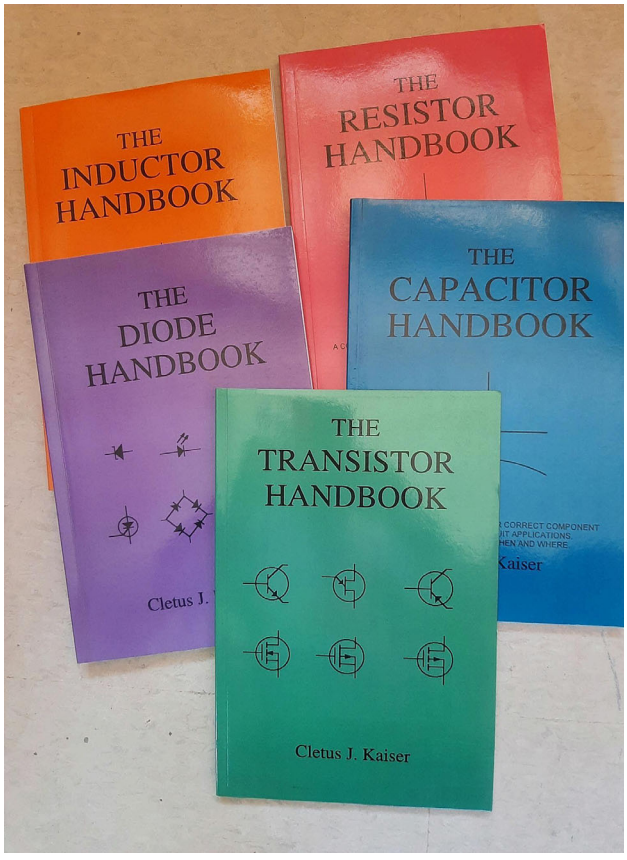


From George KN6LA.

Want the basics to the most complete physics behind the common electronic components?



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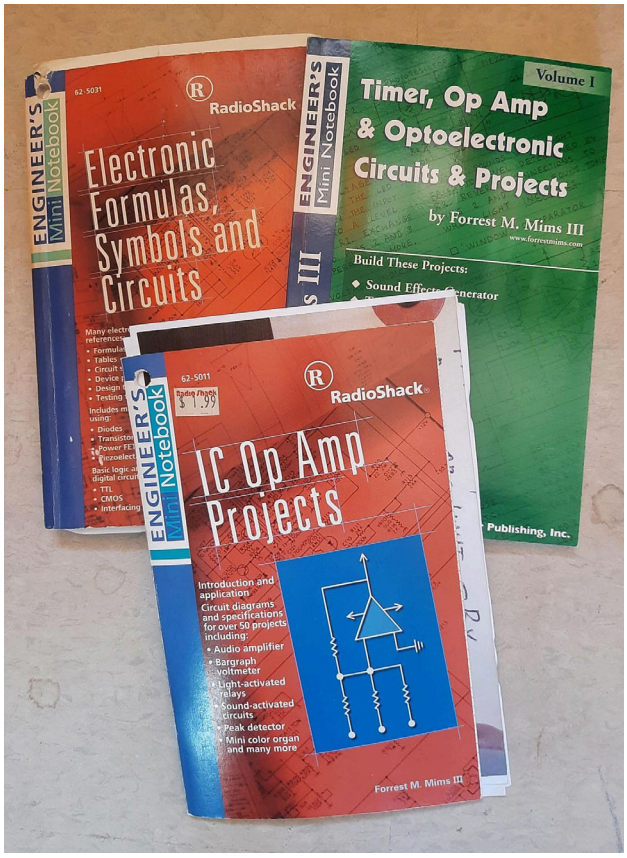
Need an amplifier, timer, or opto-isolator? All the handy bits for analog circuit design.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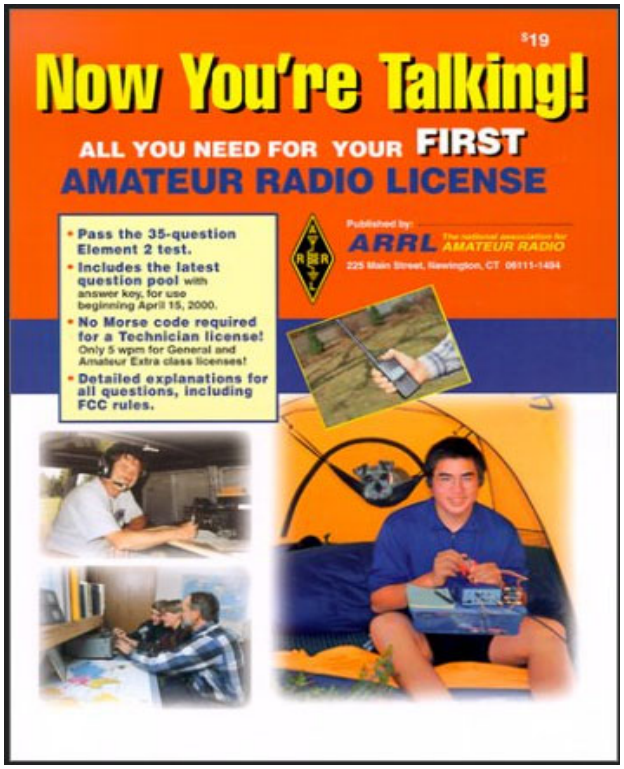
This is the book YOU want to buy. There are 47 copies on ebay as this was written. Buy one, and loan / give it out to a friend who wants to get into amateur radio.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Here are some tools that make your project boxes look good (we have lots more, just ask):

From Jim KI6MZ

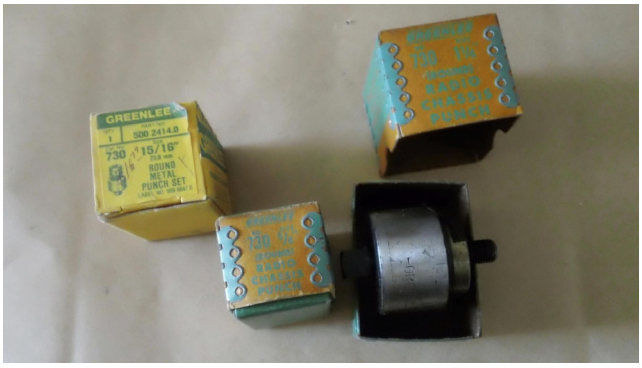
Punches holes in thin sheet metal.

From Jim KI6MZ

Punches holes in thicker metal, like electrical conduit boxes.

From KE6MLF

A bunch of round “chassis punches” for holes in thin sheet metal. 1/2 inch to 1-1/2 inch, probably by every 1/8”.



Have you got a project?

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Internet Resources

simisettlers.org - us!

cvarc.org - Conejo Valley Amateur Radio Club

k6mep.org - Ventura County Amateur Radio Club

vcars.org - Ventura County Amateur Radio Society

pvarc.club - The home of many of the counties repeaters

arednmesh.org - Amateur Radio Emergency Data Network

vccomm.org - Ventura County ACS / ARES

www.arrl.org - American Radio Relay League

archive.org/details/simi-settlers-arc - Our old newsletters!

qrz.com - forums, for sale, articles - **Create your profile here!**

eham.net - forums, for sale, articles (kind of a zombie site)

www.theborednet.net - a local bulletin board including net schedules and **stuff** for sale!

Under the **groups.io** banner (a free account is required):

groups.io/g/SimiSettlers/messages - A great place to post

groups.io/g/SIMI-VALLEY-HAMMESHNET/messages

vc-acs.groups.io/g/main/messages

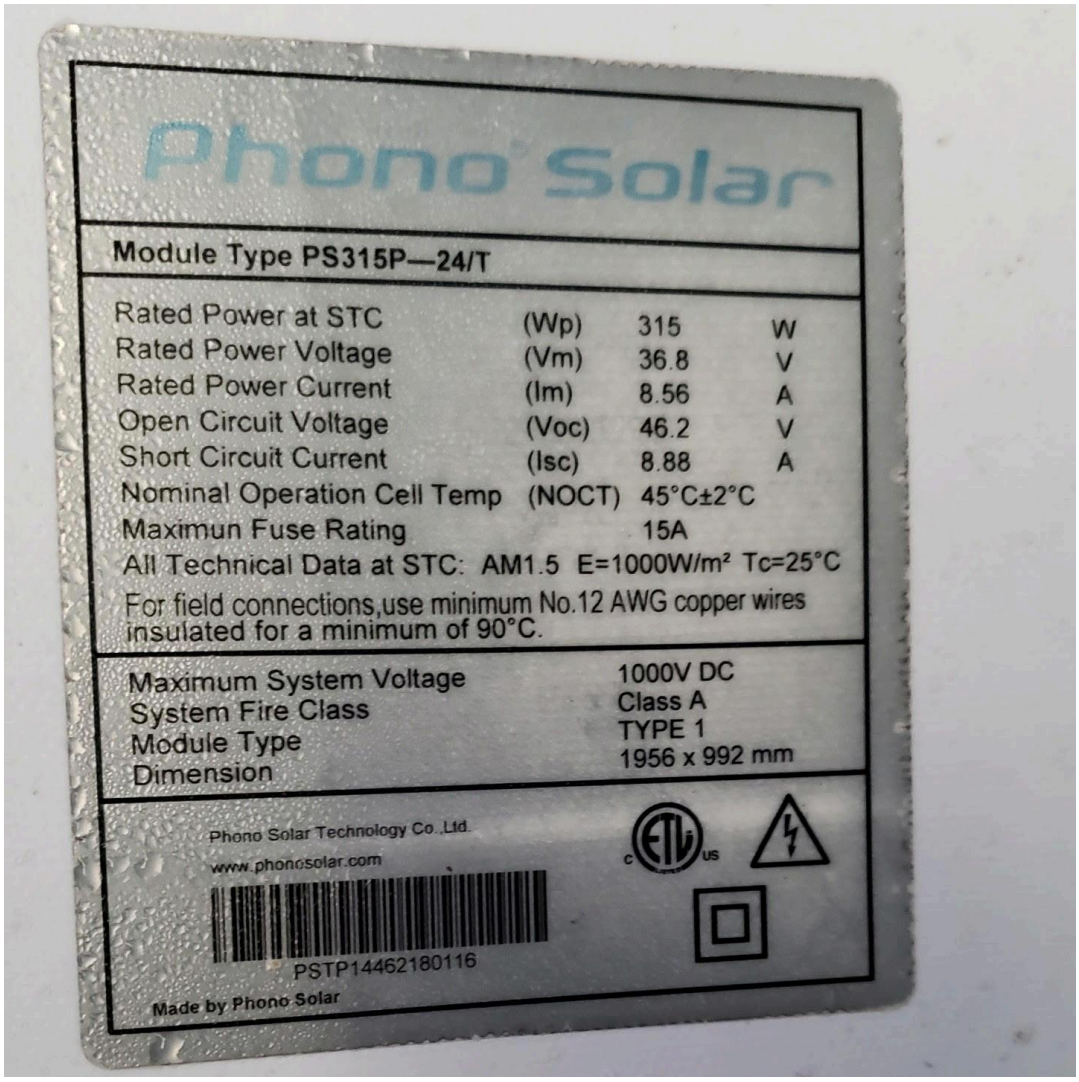
vc-acs.groups.io/g/area-1/messages

SSARC Marketplace

This section of the newsletter is for Simi Settler club members to post various used or previously owned items for sale that they may no longer have a need or use of. Please submit a brief description of the sale items (along with a photo if possible) and suggested price to Eric Oberg KE6MLF, the newsletter editor, at least two days before newsletter publication. It is suggested that a portion of each sale be donated to the SSARC treasury to help support the club's several activities. The term "OBO" means "Or Best Offer" and serves only as a starting point in negotiating a fair price.

From Orv W6BI

For Sale - 315 watt solar panels - $50 each. Lightly-used prior to being taken out of service. Four available. Funds will be directed towards Simi Valley repeater maintenance


Phono Solar
Module Type PS315P—24/T
Rated Power at STC (Wp) 315 W
Rated Power Voltage (Vm) 36.8 V
Rated Power Current (Im) 8.56 A
Open Circuit Voltage (Voc) 46.2 V
Short Circuit Current (Isc) 8.88 A
Nominal Operation Cell Temp (NOCT) 45°C±2°C
Maximun Fuse Rating 15A
All Technical Data at STC: AM1.5 E=1000W/m² Tc=25°C
For field connections,use minimum No.12 AWG copper wires insulated for a minimum of 90°C.
Maximum System Voltage 1000V DC
System Fire Class Class A
Module Type TYPE 1
Dimension 1956 x 992 mm
Phono Solar Technology Co.,Ltd.
www.phonosolar.com
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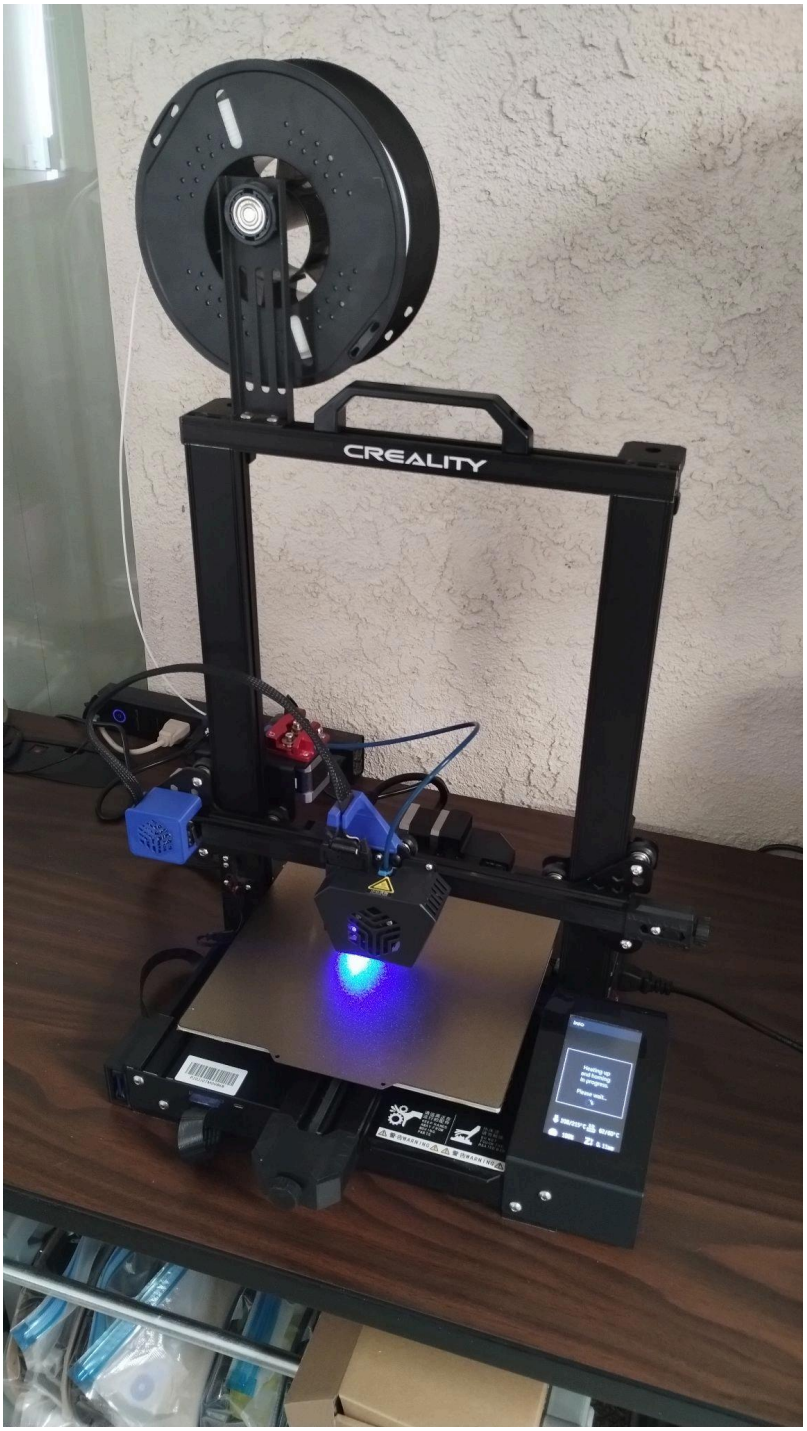
From Joe W6JWP

Creality CR-6 SE 3D Printer $150.00 OBO. Lots of tools and spare parts included. More pictures available upon request.



Contact joe.w6jwp@gmail.com

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From Joe W6JWP

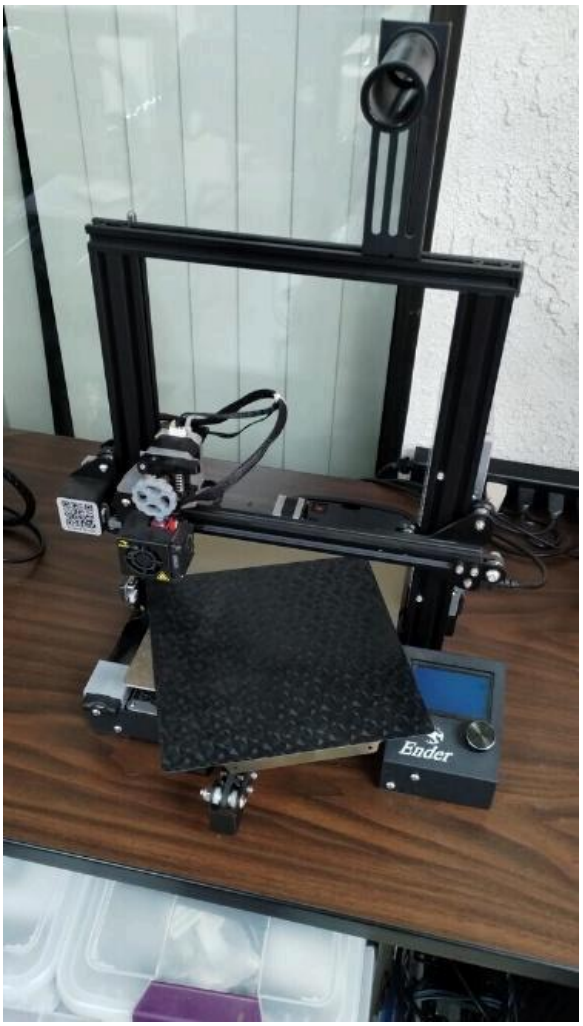
Ender 3 v1 3D FDM Printer

Modified for direct drive.

Upgraded flexible magnetic steel bed. Includes a spare textured steel bed.

Good basic machine

Free to a good home.



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LAFAYETTE RADIO MODEL TE-50 TUBE TESTER

This portable tube tester from Lafayette Radio is perfect for testing vacuum tubes from classic radios and television receivers sold back in the day. It has eight tube sockets capable of testing standard Octal, Loctal, 7-pin miniature, 9-pin miniature types as well as well as 9- and 12-pin Compactron tubes and nuvistor tubes that were popular back in the 1950's and 1960's. Tests include leakage, shorts and tube emission (e.g.- gain or µ-measurements). The tester includes a slide-out chart drawer plus supplemental charts for newer-type tubes listing the required selector switch and slide switch settings for each tube under test including a test clip for testing tubes with high-voltage anode top caps such as those used for horizontal sweep circuits of earlier televisions. Similar Lafayette Model TE-50 Tube Testers are listed on E-Bay for $99.99 or more.

Condition: Very Good Price: $5 or OBO. Contact Mike Tweedy KV6I (805-231-9683)

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From Glenn WA6GNB

GrandStream # 1620/1625 telephone for sale. New – still in the original box. Compatible with our MESH system. $30.00 Contact Glen at gnb.2112@yahoo.com

Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club Web Page: http://www.simisettlers.org/index.htm
Simi Settlers' ARC Yahoo Group: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SimiSettlersARC
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Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club

P.O. Box 2125 Simi Valley, Ca 93062-2125 --- (www.simisettlers.org)

Membership Application

Type of Application: **Type of Membership:**

New Member ☐ Individual ($25/yr) ☐
Renewal ☐ Family ($30/yr) ☐

Name: _____ Day & Month of Birth: _____
(Omit year)
Call: _____ Class: _____ ARRL: Yes ☐ No ☐

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ___ Zip:_____

Phone: (____) _____ Alt. Phone: (____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Additional Family Members:

Name: _____ Day & Month of Birth: _____
(Omit year)
Call: _____ Class: _____ ARRL: Yes ☐ No ☐

Name: _____ Day & Month of Birth: _____
(Omit year)
Call: _____ Class: _____ ARRL: Yes ☐ No ☐

Name: _____ Day & Month of Birth: _____
(Omit year)
Call: _____ Class: _____ ARRL: Yes ☐ No ☐

Badges requested: Yes ☐ No ☐ How many? _____ X $18.00 = $ _____

Name (s) Call(s): _____

Shirt Printing: Yes ☐ No ☐ How many? _____ X $25.00 = $ _____

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Hats Requested: Yes ☐ No ☐ How many? _____ X $20.00 = $ _____

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